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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventors: Rodriguez, et al.

For: System and Method for Updating User Home Automation Systems

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☒ Amendment and Response to Office Action.

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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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